

LONG-TERM JOB GENERATION, COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND THE CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The structure, content and duration of the Employment Division's Lorne conference prevented a serious and severe analysis of long-term job generation, community economic development and the Co-operative Development Program. The following observations, however, could be made:

1. The Commonwealth Government will take up the initiative and lead in developing short-term job creation.
2. There is an ongoing capacity for limited State Government input regarding the structure and nature of short-term job creation.
3. There is a need for the development of long term job generation possibilities.
4. The State Government could take the lead in proposing joint State/Commonwealth or demonstrating State-only long-term job generation programs and projects.
5. The Minister, the Employment and Training Caucus Committee and the Government would support appropriate long-term job generation possibilities.
6. These long-term job generation possibilities should be enterprise-based e.g., co-operatives, municipal enterprises and Community Development Corporations.

7. Enterprise-based long-term job generation

is significant because it:

- 7.1 Equally concerns job maintenance and job creation.
- 7.2 Equally affects the employed and unemployed.
- 7.3 Equally attempts to meet social and economic objectives.
- 7.4 Equally impacts on the mainstream and peripheral economies.
- 7.5 Equally challenges the ownership and control of work and workplaces.
- 7.6 Equally addresses the creation and distribution of wealth.
- 7.7 Equally provides the experience of failure and/or success.

The scope for long-term job generation, however, needs to be directly related to resources available and required for planning, implementation and monitoring. The importance of the demonstration impact of long-term job generation initiatives should be neither under or over estimated.

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